

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Board Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on Friday, March 20, 2009 at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736, Montgomery, Alabama with the Chairman presiding and the Secretary present. Board chairman, Jerry Satterwhite, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. There was a quorum of members present including: District I member, Sharon Argiro, District III member, Leisa Askew, District IV member, Paula Johnson, District V member, Teresa Young, District VI member, Jerry Satterwhite, and District VII member, James Ware. District II member, Janet Rawls, was not present. Executive Director, Brenda Holden, was also present. Assistant Attorney General, Bill Garrett, arrived at 10:00 a.m. and departed at 11:40 a.m. following completion of all agenda items except for review of PIP applications. Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State's website.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Teresa Young to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously with minor capitalization and punctuation corrections noted.

Old Board Business

- a) Complaint Status: Executive Director, Brenda Holden, reported that three complaints are currently open.
- b) The Board reviewed the list of new licensees.
- c) Pauline Jeremiah appeared before the Board regarding reinstatement of her social work license. Paula Johnson made a motion at 10:32 a.m. to go into executive session for ten minutes. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed. At 10:50 a.m. James Ware made a motion to come out of executive session. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed. Teresa Young made a motion that, pending receipt of a minimum of two favorable professional references, Ms. Jeremiah's license be reinstated. The motion was seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.
- d) The Board will schedule a hearing to consider disciplinary action with regard to Erin De Gostin.

- e) Sharon Argiro made a motion that Ms. Landers sign a release to have her psychological assessment released to a mutually agreeable substance abuse assessment professional and follow through with any recommendation of the professional. The motion received a second.
Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. Abstaining from the vote was Paula Johnson. The motion passed.

New Board Business

- a) Paula Johnson will man a booth at the University of Alabama job fair in Gadsden. James Ware reported that people attending the Social Work Conference held in Perdido Beach in February were very interested in the copies of the Administrative Code and newsletters that were available at the ABSWE booth.
- b) Having been improved with the assistance of Dr. Wong, the new draft of the Board's Records Disposition Authority was available for viewing by Board members.
- c) Paula Johnson made a motion to accept the agreement signed by Constance Phillips. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.

PIP Applications

New applications

- a) Thomas D. Johnson—approved for social casework, clinical social work practice, community organization, and social work administration.
- b) Julie Mihalopoulos Knox—approved for social casework, clinical social work practice, and social work administration. Denied for community organization.
- c) Katherine S. Russell—approved for social work administration and social casework. Denied for community organization.
- d) Janice L. Sweetapple—approved for social casework and clinical social work practice.
- e) Yolanda Yvette Bates—approved for social casework and clinical social work practice.
- f) Julie Tolbert Nix—approved for social casework and social work administration. Denied for clinical social work practice and community organization.

Additions to PIP

- g) Annah M. Joseph—approved for clinical social work practice.

Other Requests

- a) Teresa Young made a motion to grant a CE waiver to Lisa Wolanzyk. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.
- b) The Board reviewed the evaluation of Kimberly Waugh for social work licensure.

- c) Paula Johnson made a motion to grant a CE waiver to Dan Williams. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.
- d) Teresa Young made a motion to approve the request of Melanie Barton for one hour CE credit for each of ten sessions and to request more information prior to approving hours for the one and a half day session. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.
- e) Based upon the written performance responsibilities supplied for the position of school social worker, the Board will send a letter to the Baldwin County Public Schools clarifying that the Board can accept supervision in clinical social work and social casework provided by the school social worker.
- f) Teresa Young made a motion that, based on extenuating circumstances, the Board accept the renewal application of Mindi Wilkins. The motion received a second. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.
- g) In the matter of the request of Mandy Andrews on behalf of DHR to conduct supervision via "live cam". James Ware made a motion to obtain an Attorney General's opinion. The motion was seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed. The Board will ask the Attorney General for an opinion.
- h) Leisa Askew made a motion to grant a CE waiver to Susan Clements contingent upon her completing fifteen hours of CE's by 9/30/09. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were: Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, and Teresa Young. Voting in opposition to the motion were Jerry Satterwhite, and James Ware. The motion passed.

Proposed Date, Time and Location of next meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Conference Room.

James Ware made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second and was approved unanimously by the Board members. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Jerry Satterwhite

Sharon Argiro

Board Chairman

Board Secretary